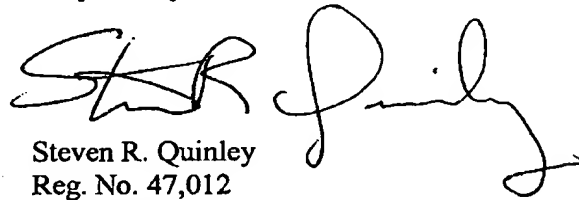


While applicants do not acquiesce in these grounds of rejection, claims 9-13, 40 and 41 have been cancelled without prejudice to place the present application in order for allowance. Claims 9-13, 40 and 41 will be prosecuted in a continuation application. With the remaining claims 1-8, 14, 15, 38, 39 and 42-46 standing allowed, the present case should be promptly passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of this case to expedite its processing, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. R. Quinley", written in a cursive style.

Steven R. Quinley
Reg. No. 47,012
529 Dogwood Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
(919) 933-6061